

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 19-37 are pending, Claims 1-18 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 19-37 having been added by way of the present amendment. New Claims 19-37 find support in original Claims 1-18 and thus no new matter is added. Claim 37 has been added to include claim elements that invoke interpretation under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph. An Abstract has been added, consistent with the U.S. patent drafting procedure.

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Tool, and Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 Seeking Waiver of Requirements Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98, filed in the holding application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,325). Consistent with this decision, a copy of the decision is filed herewith. Also, an Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith including a 1449 form with references that are included as part of the specially created official digest in class 174. It is believed that submission of these materials and the preference reference to the holding application (serial no. 09/147,325) is sufficient for the present Examiner to consider the references in the holding application, consistent with the decision.

In view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, an examination on the merits is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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